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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 815**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins**

February 20, 2003

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An act to add Section 16302.5 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animals.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 815, as amended, Wiggins. Horses: agricultural animals.

Existing law regulates livestock operations involving horses, as specified.

This bill would classify horses as agricultural animals for purposes of the eligibility of horse owners for federal grants, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact this act  
2 in order to permit horse owners of this state to be eligible for grants  
3 provided under the federal Conservation Security Program  
4 pursuant to Title XII of the Food Security Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 3801  
5 et seq.).

6 SEC. 2. Section 16302.5 is added to the Food and Agricultural  
7 Code, to read:

1 16302.5. “Horses” shall be classified as “agricultural  
2 animals” for purposes of the eligibility of horse owners for grants  
3 provided under the federal Conservation Security Program  
4 ~~pursuant to Title XII of the Food Security Act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 3831~~  
5 ~~et seq.)~~; *(commencing with Section 3838) of Title 16 of the United*  
6 *States Code. It is not the intent of this section to affect any existing*  
7 *law that relates to horse consumption, taxation, or zoning, nor*  
8 *shall this definition affect the right of any horse owner to be*  
9 *compensated for their horse’s true and fair value in the case of*  
10 *negligence or death by another.*

